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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A slit structure of an encoder for preventing the position precision at high speed operation from deteriorating. An encoder for measuring the rotational speed and rotational position of a rotary slit disc (1) by a light receiving device (4) for receiving light emitted from a light emitting device (2) and transmitted/reflected through/from a code pattern provided in/on the rotary slit disc (1), comprises a fixed slit (3) provided between the rotary slit disc (1) and the light receiving device (4) and having light receiving windows through which the light transmitted/reflected through/from the code pattern passes and which are so arranged at positions different in a radial direction of the rotary slit disc (1) as to have mutually different phases, wherein the lengths of the light receiving windows in the radial direction of the rotary slit disc (1) are greater from the inner peripheral side toward the outer peripheral side so that the opening area of the light receiving window on the inner peripheral side may be equal to that on the outer peripheral side.

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